

Auxiliary Outreach
December 2025

Just a refresher on aspects of Auxiliary Outreach Program. Auxiliary Outreach is a partnership formed by an Auxiliary with another organization, for the benefit of their community or its institutions. It is a donation of time, not in-kind or monetary donations. It's about partnering with other organizations in our communities to help improve where we live. There is still plenty of time to reach out to other organizations in your community. Here is a list of those organizations that may need some extra hands: Lions Club, Rotary Club, garden club, senior centers, Meals on Wheels, Habitat for Humanity, Race for the Cure, Alzheimer's Walk, soup kitchens, homeless shelters, Red Cross blood drives, Salvation Army thrift store, local libraries, animal shelters, and food banks.

Examples of Auxiliary Outreach projects include:

- Working walks or runs that benefit other organizations as an event spotter, water station volunteer, timekeeper, etc.
- Working with local police on child ID kits or with EMTs to host CPR Training.
- Working with firefighters on fire safety and prevention.
- Working with parks and recreation departments to plant trees.
- Helping with a spay and neuter animal clinic.
- Serving food in soup kitchens.

Auxiliary Outreach is for projects NOT AFFILIATED with VFW or VFW Auxiliary Programs. Volunteer work that is performed for the benefit of the VFW Post or VFW Auxiliary is NOT considered Outreach.

Examples of projects that do not qualify include:

- Repairs to, maintenance or beautification of the Post home.
- Cooking or serving a meal for a VFW Post or VFW Auxiliary fundraiser.
- "Buddy"® Poppy distribution.
- Providing an honor guard at a member's funeral.
- Conducting Flag retirement programs.
- Church activities for one specific congregation and not the entire community (e.g., usher, elder, deacon, minister, etc.)
- Serving on a board in your community. (e.g., school board, board of trustees, etc.)
- Taking comfort items to the local USO.
- Sending a VFW Auxiliary check to support a charity.

Remember that you cannot plan the event, give money to the event or participate in the event. You are there to volunteer your time. If the event overlaps with another Program, it must be reported in that Program, hours can not be split between programs.

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